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Hi Rob,

We're still doing a back-check on the revised QAPP addendum, and I plan to get you additional comments, if any, later today. However, I'm not comfortable with the language proposed below.

Either state directly that neither background nor reference data results will be used to lower the risks calculated for the LPRSA, or include the following sentence instead of the one you propose:

The manner in which background and, as appropriate, reference data will be used in the baseline risk assessments will be consistent with USEPA 2002, The Role of Background in the CERCLA Cleanup Program.

Thanks,  
Stephanie

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Are you ok with this?